

1 AN ACT relating to local school board student representatives.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Beginning with academic year 2024-2025, each local school board shall include*  
6 *at least one (1) student representative to attend and participate in school board*  
7 *meetings, provide student perspective on issues, and learn about school district*  
8 *governance.*

9 *(2) A student representative shall:*

10 *(a) Be enrolled in a public high school in the district;*

11 *(b) Be classified as a junior or senior at the time of appointment; and*

12 *(c) Serve at least a one (1) year term.*

13 *(3) Each local school board shall adopt a policy to implement this section that*  
14 *includes but is not limited to the student representative selection process,*  
15 *eligibility requirements, and terms of service. The policy shall include the*  
16 *following provisions:*

17 *(a) The student representative selection process shall include voting by high*  
18 *school students;*

19 *(b) A student representative shall not be a voting member but shall be allowed*  
20 *to provide a non-binding advisory vote on action items that is recorded in*  
21 *the minutes of the meeting;*

22 *(c) A student representative shall not participate in executive or closed sessions*  
23 *of a school board meeting; and*

24 *(d) A student representative shall be afforded full participation in school board*  
25 *meetings the same as other school board members, except as described in*  
26 *paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection.*